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TAGS: ELAB, EAGR, ETRD, SW

SUBJECT: GRAPE AND LETTUCE BOYCOTT

REF: STOCKHOLM 0984

1. SWEDISH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION HAS TURNED DOWN TRADE UNION ULTIMATUM TO REFRAIN FROM PURCHASING UFW-BOYCOTTED LETTUCE AND GRAPES. IN LETTER DATED MARCH 12 ADDRESSED TO LO AND TCO, ASSOCIATION SAID CANVASS OF MEMBERS HAD REVEALED LARGE NUMBER ACCOUNTING FOR MORE THAN HALF OF IMPORTS IN QUESTION WERE UNWILLING TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST. REMAINDER WHO HAD IN PRINCIPLE TAKEN POSITIVE ATTITUDE FELT THEY WERE INCAPABLE ALONG
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OF IMPLEMENTING DESIRED RESTRICTIONS. IN EXPLANATION OF

WHY REQUEST HAD BEEN REJECTED, ASSOCIATION SAID OPPOSING MEMBERS DID NOT WISH TO CHOOSE SIDES IN CONFLICT BETWEEN UFW AND TEAMSTERS. ADDING REASON OF ITS OWN, ASSOCIATION EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT EITHER US CONGRESS OR CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE WOULD SOON ENACT LEGISLATION TO RESOLVE DISPUTE. GIVEN FACT PRESENT IMPORT SEASON IS ALMOST FINISHED AND NEW SEASON WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL LATE FALL, LETTER CONCLUDED WITH ARGUMENT THAT FINAL DECISION SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING DEVELOPMENTS DURING INTERVENING MONTHS.

2. COMMENT: BOYCOTT IS NAGGING BUT VERY MINOR ISSUE FOR LABOR MOVEMENT. HAVING FAILED TO FIND EASY WAY OUT BY SHIFTING BURDEN TO DISTRIBUTORS, LO AND TCO APPEAR TO HAVE FEW, IF ANY, PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVES LEFT. THEY KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THAT CONSUMER BOYCOTTS IN SCANDINAVIA HAVE BEEN INEFFECTIVE. A TRANSPORT BOYCOTT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND SERIOUS BUSINESS AND, MORE TO POINT, TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION WANTS NO PART OF IT. CHANCES ARE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, LO AND TCO WILL TAKE ASSOCIATION'S ADVICE, ALBEIT PROTESTINGLY, AND ALLOW MATTER TO REST FOR A WHILE.

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